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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to coverage for foster children under the
2 Medicaid program, and including effective date provisions.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 249A.3, subsection 1, Code 2013, is
2 amended by adding the following new paragraph:

3 NEW PARAGRAPH. v. Beginning July 1, 2013, is an individual
4 who was in foster care under the responsibility of the state
5 and meets all other requirements specified in sections 2004 and
6 10201 of the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care
7 Act, Pub. L. No. 111-148.

8 Sec. 2. MEDICAID COVERAGE FOR FOSTER CHILDREN — STATE
9 PLAN. The department of human services shall submit a medical
10 assistance state plan amendment to the centers for Medicare and
11 Medicaid services of the United States department of health and
12 human services to implement this Act effective July 1, 2013.

13 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE UPON ENACTMENT. This Act, being deemed of
14 immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment.

15 EXPLANATION

16 This bill includes as a mandatory eligible group under
17 the Medicaid program, foster children who were under the
18 responsibility of the state, as required pursuant to the
19 federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA) of
20 2010. The ACA requires that foster children are eligible for
21 Medicaid coverage until they reach age 26 if they were in
22 foster care when they turned 18 or a higher age as provided for
23 coverage of foster care children under the Medicaid state plan
24 (up to 21 years of age in Iowa), and were enrolled in Medicaid
25 at that time. This provision mirrors another provision in
26 the ACA which provides the opportunity for health insurance
27 coverage for children up to age 26 under a parent's insurance
28 policy. The requirements under the ACA are effective January
29 1, 2014. The bill provides for implementation July 1, 2013.
30 The bill also directs the department of human services to
31 submit a Medicaid state plan amendment to implement the bill
32 effective July 1, 2013. The bill takes effect upon enactment.